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THE DOGS

Of Louisa Must Be Tagged, Says The City Council.

The Council met in regular session Tuesday night. The consideration of claims occupied the greater part of the session.

Marshal Stone reported over \$1000 collected on taxes since the last meeting.

The Council ordered the immediate enforcement of the dog tax law. The Treasurer was ordered to buy 200 tags, and a reasonable time will be allowed for owners to buy these tags at \$1 each and place them on their dogs. After the expiration of that time all dogs without tags will be placed in the strays pen for five days. If not claimed in that time the animals will be killed.

An order was made to have the sidewalk completed on Lock Avenue. This will connect the gap between the government property and R. S. Chaffin's place. John Crutcher recently set his fence in sufficiently and donated the ground, and C. P. Brouley and Dr. T. D. Burgess will do the same. This will be a great improvement.

The Improvement Committee was directed to put the streets into good condition, and they have already started the work.

A number of persons whom the Assessor had failed to assess were before the Council and listed their property.

Is Known In Louisa.

The many friends of S. B. Sims, the genial traveling man for Swift & Co., who makes this city his headquarters, will regret to learn of a mishap to him last night. He was coming down from Catlettsburg on a Camden Inter-State car, and in an effort to close a window, his right hand slipped and shot through the glass. A sliver of glass penetrated the palm of his hand, back toward the wrist, a distance of two inches, severing an artery. Much weakened from the loss of blood, he came to this city and received medical attention. The wound is a very painful and dangerous one, and may yet give him serious trouble. As it is, he will be off duty for some time—Independent.

Won His Diploma.

Dr. Grover Meek is the way he now writes it, and he is justly entitled to this distinction. Having put in four years study at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, one of the high grade schools of this country, Dr. Meek successfully passed the right examination and received his degree. His many friends congratulate him, and wish for him a large degree of success in his chosen profession.

Came to a Close.

The June term of the Lawrence Circuit Court came to a close this week. The grand jury reported 79 indictments. There were two convictions for felons, reported elsewhere in this paper. There was not much done this week, one jury being discharged Wednesday and the other yesterday. This session of the court marks the close of Judge Kinner's official term, and his successor has not been appointed.

The Finch Club.

These ladies were guests of Mrs. F. L. Stewart last Thursday. As usual the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed, the company, the surroundings and the refreshments offered being unexceptionable. The non-members present were Mrs. W. N. Sullivan, Mrs. Hannah Lackey and Mrs. A. M. Campbell and Mrs. P. S. Bond.

Big Sandy vs. the World.

Capt. S. A. Donnelly, of Louisville, tells a remarkable story of a race between a C. and O. train and a gray horse, starting at Pikeville, Ky., and ending six miles away. The horse won and came to grief through swerving into a wire fence. It must have been a blood relation of Jim Drubbs' colt. This is Captain Donnelly's story:

"Just after we left Pikeville the horse got on the track, and the en-

gineer sounded a warning signal. As we were approaching a cattle guard the engineer slowed up, fearing the horse would fall into it, but the horse leaped over, and before he stopped vaulted across 11 other cattle guards and outran the train, which was not a slow one. All of the passengers soon ascertained what was transpiring, and many of them leaned out of the coach windows to see the race between the beast and the locomotive. Until the gray landed against a wire fence he was gaining on the train. I believe that gray horse, if he is not injured, can beat any of the steeple chase horses on the turf today."

Two Convictions.

There were two convictions for felonies at the present term of Circuit Court. In one of his prowling tours Charles Justice found it handy to break into Dave Ward's and abstract therefrom a pair of shoes. During a residence at the Capital the State will, for two years, furnish him not only shoes but caps and clothes free.

On the day of Scott Grubbs' funeral Dow McCoy and Willie Adams had a misunderstanding which resulted in Adams receiving a stab in his knee, the stabber being McCoy. For this the jury thought that one year in the pen would help to cure the knife habit, and it sentenced him accordingly.

Child Burned to Death.

In Fort Gay last week Fred Wilson's little boy, age two years, was burned so badly that death resulted the following day. The child was alone in a room for a few minutes and his dress caught fire. The flames did their work quickly, and although help arrived promptly the injuries sustained were sufficient to prove fatal.

The child was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Fort Gay. W. H. Harris, an uncle, came down from Matewan as soon as he heard of the accident.

This is a shocking kind of accident that calls forth sympathy from everybody, friends and strangers alike.

The Dams Are Up.

In answer to the repeated question, Why are not the dams raised, the response is that they are up, and have been nearly a month. The Louisa dam is not raised because it is disabled. In preparing plans and specifications for its repair it was sought to repair it in such a way that it would correspond, if this is the proper word, with the project for adding about 5 feet to the crest of the dam. We mean that as a measure of economy it was designed that the repair should be a part of the raise. We further learn that the iron work to be used in the repair of No. 3, the Louisa dam, should be ready in the contract time, that is, about July 20. So, if the stage of water is favorable the dam will be put in commission this season.

An Old Citizen Dead.

After a long and painful sickness, borne with patience and christian fortitude, Mrs. Julia Hale, widow of Henderson Hale, died yesterday morning, aged 70 years. She will be buried today at 1 p. m., with funeral services at the house and interment at Pine Hill.

Mrs. Hale was a most excellent woman, devoted to her children and in all respects worthy of the high esteem in which she was held. The children who mourn the loss of their aged parent are George, James and Bascom, of Louisville; Mont, of Central City, and Mrs. John Bradley, of this county.

A New Locality.

It is interesting to notice how the bridge enters into the ordinary affairs and talk of the town. It has sort of individuality, like the post-office, or the hotel, or the bank corner, Sullivan's, Pierce & Derrick's corner, and the like.

"How did you come over? On the bridge?" "Let's go down and see the bridge." "Where will you meet me? Oh, on the bridge." "Where did you go last night? Oh, on the bridge. Who was with you? John. And don't you ever tell a single soul, but he came awful near asking me to marry him! We're going down again tonight."

Autonomy in the Filipinos.

The subject of self-government for the Filipinos is treated in a very original, striking and logical way by our townsman, Lieut. P. S. Bond, U. S. Engineer in charge of the Big Sandy, in the article we produce below:

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

The question at issue in the editorial in your number of May 5, concerning the views of Mr. Bryan on our duty to the Filipinos, is, "Are the Filipinos fit for self-government?" I assert that there never existed on this earth a people who were not in the first place capable of governing themselves and working out their own salvation, even under difficulties of an appalling nature. The mere existence of nations proves this—not to mention the steady advance of civilization since the creation of man.

The lowest forms of thinking animals, the buffaloes of the plains, wild sheep, even wild geese, govern themselves most excellently. Shall it be said that man—the noblest of God's creations—is incapable of governing himself? The American Indians—that most primitive of peoples—governed themselves before the epoch-making advent of the white man. Perhaps their form of government was not ideal according to our (distorted?) views, but it suited them better than what they have had since. They were free, and freedom is better than chains, "though they be of gold."

A people learn self-government only by governing themselves just as a boy becomes a man and learns a man's work only when he is thrown on his own resources and forced to assume duties and responsibilities. There are some things that can be learned only by experience, and self-government is unquestionably one of them. The world's most successful nations are those that have thrown off the yoke of the oppressor (be that oppressor a foreign power or an oligarchy at home), and set up a government for the people, by the people, and of the people. They passed through years of bloody strife, through frightful civil wars, and internal dissensions, and finally emerged triumphant. I cite England, France and America as conspicuous examples.

In every instance that history records government by a foreign power, when not resisted, has degraded the nation governed. Whether or not it be intended to eventually give a nation its freedom, the fact of a foreign government by force and its effect are not altered.

Now, what has been the (contrary) effect of self-government upon nations able or allowed to work out their own destinies? In every instance of any importance the nation and people have been elevated and enlightened.

A little over half a century ago the United States opened the door of Japan—a half civilized, heathen nation. We did not undertake to govern Japan for the Japanese, but left them to do as they saw fit. We saw—and their success is almost without parallel in history.

I cannot see the logic by which it is declared (in the article I am discussing) that it is our duty to leave the islands as we found them. According to the Journal's view (or any other honest view), we must do whatever is best for the islands. If the inhabitants of the northern and southern provinces are so different that they had better work out their destinies separately, then if we are to interfere at all (and we have done it), why not provide for this?

At the end of the Journal's article occur the statements, "If we * * * invoke the Monroe Doctrine to maintain their independence, the world would laugh at us" (to be sure), and again, "The idea that we can withdraw and still forbid other nations to enter is misleading and dangerous." In these statements I do not concur. Is the independence of Switzerland guaranteed by the Monroe Doctrine, or of Belgium, or Holland, or Denmark, or Spain, or any other free but individually helpless nation. And do the powers stay out because Uncle Sam forbids them to enter? Of course not, and yet these nations have acquired their independence. In looking around for a case more nearly parallel to what that of the Filipinos would be, the case of the Samoans occurs to my mind. Their independence is guaranteed by convention of 1889, to which England, Germany and the United States are parties. We do not invoke the Monroe Doctrine, nor do we (alone) forbid other powers to enter the Samoan Islands.

P. S. BOND.

Railway Consolidation.

The directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway of Kentucky, of the Kinneconick and Freestone Railroad and of the Big Sandy Railway Companies, met at the office of E. T. D. Wallace in Ashland Friday, to consolidate these three railroads. The Big Sandy railway is the new branch built from Whitehouse, Johnson county, Ky., through Floyd county to the mouth of Elkhorn, in Pike county, a distance of eighty-five miles. The Kinneconick and Freestone railroad is a little branch running out of Garrettsburg from the Chesapeake and Ohio railway in Lewis county, a distance of nineteen miles to Carter, in Carter county. The C. and O. Railway Company of Kentucky includes the other railroads operated by the C. and O. Railway Company in the State of Kentucky.

By this consolidation all of the roads operated by the Chesapeake and Ohio railway in Kentucky will be consolidated into the C. and O. Railway Company of Kentucky, which is a separate and distinct corporation from the C. and O. Railway of Virginia. This consolidation was completed and went into effect the first day of June and is made by the written consent of nearly all of the stockholders of the three constituent companies forming the consolidation. The amount of the capital stock of the consolidated company will be \$12,550,000 divided into shares, the par value of which will be \$100 each. The new company will be conducted by a board of seven directors, the first board to be George W. Stevens, Decatur Axtell, H. T. Wickham, C. E. Wellford, G. B. Wall, F. T. D. Wallace and H. C. Boughton. The principal office of the corporation will be at Ashland.

Judge S. G. Kinner.

Many years ago Girard Kinner came to Lawrence county in his official capacity of Commonwealth's Attorney. He held that position as long as he wanted it. At its close he came again. This time it was S. G. Kinner, Judge of the Lawrence Circuit Court, and in this responsible place he has sat for many years, meeting out justice to high and low alike, holding the scales in even balance; deaf to all but what he deemed the law, blind to all save what he considered right. Judge Kinner has been the arbiter of the fate of many, and cases of great weight and moment have come before him in the Circuit Court of this county, but complaints of unfairness have been few indeed, if any. Courteous in manner, genial without undue familiarity, he is popular with our people. They part with him regretfully and hope that health and prosperity may attend him.

A Diploma Is Hers.

Miss Bessie Lee Snyder is home from Lexington, fresh from the classic shades of Campbell-Hagerman College, and justly proud of the diploma granted to her, signifying that she has "fought the good fight, and flashed the course." To extend the figure the NEWS hopes that there is laid up for her a crown of happiness to be enjoyed many, many years.

The First Over.

On Saturday morning, June 2nd, Mrs. Ella Hays, of Louisa; Mrs. R. C. Wolford, of Johnson City, Tenn., and Miss Lillian Haymes, of Danville, Va., had the honor of being the first ladies to cross the new steel bridge now being erected between Louisa and Fort Gay.

In Colored Society.

The swellest colored wedding that ever happened in these parts was that of Joe Fischer and Miss Belle Matney. The affair was pulled off at Lincoln Chapel, Pocahontas Avenue, Louisa, Ky., Wednesday evening, June 6th, at 8 o'clock sharp. The guests were so numerous that the church was overflowed into the streets. Racial distinction was not in evidence and the attendance was very much mixed.

About two weeks ago invitations were issued in due form and large numbers by the parents of the bride, to both white and colored people. The Alice Roosevelt wedding was reproduced as nearly as possible, even to the bridal costume, which was patterned after a picture published in the newspapers. The decorations

of Lincoln Chapel were after a design printed in the *Delineator* and everything was up-to-date.

The groom was driven to the church in a carriage with his best man, and the bride and her maid followed behind two prancing white steeds. The necessary ushers and flower girl were on hands. The organist was somewhat late, but finally came and relieved the strain by substituting a few from Mendelssohn.

Rev. Riley, of the African Methodist Church, performed the ceremony according to the ritual, verbatim et literatim.

A reception at the residence of the bride's parents followed.

Good Show Coming.

Coming next Monday, June 11, is Jones' Enormous Shows, Menagerie and Wild West. This show comes highly recommended by the press to the cities visited by this monstrous aggregation. Some of the features are the Leap the Loop, the Lorenze troupe of European acrobats; the flying Cotter family and 100 other circus features, combined with an entire Wild West and Frontier exhibition, employing a tribe of twenty Sioux Indians, cowboys, cowgirls, scouts and rough riders.

A grand street review will take place at 11 o'clock on the day of the show and two performances will be given, two and eight p. m.

A Large Contract.

The Baker Contract Company, contractors on Levisa Lock No. 1, Big Sandy river, were the successful bidders on a large piece of work in New York State. The contract amounts to \$1,500,000.

Mr. Baker has been very successful in handling contract work and we hope he may find this new job, (the largest he has had) as profitable proportionately as his smaller ones have been.

John M. Rice, of this place, who has held a responsible position with the company for quite a while, has been offered a place on the New York work and thinks of accepting it.

Work at Mouth of Big Sandy.

Plans and specifications for regulating works at the mouth of the Big Sandy river have been prepared and the work advertised for contract. Bids will be opened June 29. The work will consist of two parallel concrete walls in prolongation of the walls of Lock No. 1, and extending over a portion of the distance between said lock and the Ohio river. This work will be done under an appropriation of \$40,000 carried in the River and Harbor act of March 3, 1905.

With Distinction.

Miss Emma Wallace has returned from Barboursville, where she has graduated in stenography and typewriting. The highest marks in the class were given to Miss Wallace, and she has the enviable record of completing the course in three months, the shortest period known.

There is a saying used whenever a Scandian attains distinction. You all know what it is. Please say it now.

Home Again.

Mrs. Ben Thomas and Miss Heloise have returned to Louisa, having arrived Tuesday evening. Mr. Thomas is expected tomorrow. These people have been greatly missed, and they are gladly welcomed back to permanent residence. Mr. Thomas will retain his position in the U. S. Engineer office in Cincinnati, but the nature of his duties is such that he can be in Louisa almost as much as in any other place.

Take Care of the Students.

Louisa people should make up their minds to help take care of students who come to the Kentucky Normal College this year. They should do this even at a sacrifice. The first year of the school will demand sacrifices on the part of all of us, because it will be almost impossible to provide buildings sufficient to house those who will come in here. Our homes must be opened to the students if necessary at prices which they can afford to pay, regardless of whether there is a profit in it or not.

APPROPRIATION

For Big Sandy River to Make Up Deficiency.

As announced in the NEWS last week the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill as reported to Congress carries \$40,000 for Big Sandy river.

This sum is to make up a deficiency of like amount in former appropriations. It is to be expended upon the general project for "improving Big Sandy River." This project, at present, provides for the completion of Lock No. 1, Tug fork, Lock No. 1, Levisa fork, and the raising of the crest of dam No. 3, Main river, (at Louisa) to 535.2 feet. (It is now 530.7 feet.) As the two locks on the forks are nearly completed, and as some funds still remain, exclusive of the \$40,000, it is probable that all of the \$40,000 will be available for raising the crest of No. 3 until the locks on the forks are finished. Hence the engineers cannot even draw plans for raising No. 2 until the others are done. This in accordance with the wording of the acts of Congress.

It is through the courtesy of Lieut. P. S. Bond, engineer in charge here, that we are enabled to give this information.

Ollapodrida.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

The streptococcus pyogenes, the staphylococcus pyogenus, aureus, the staphylococcus pyogenus albus, the potus vulgaris, the bacillus urae, the bacillus butyricus, the bacillus coli communis and the micrococcus acid are the alarming names of microbes found in the dust of the street, that are likely to gain a resting place on the food we eat when it is displayed on open market stands. The microbes are not as dangerous to health as their names imply, but as they are generated in filth, they are not what the young woman of the period would class as nice, and it is highly desirable to take as few into the system as possible.

Paris, Ky., policeman arrested a negro carrying a sack which contained seven hams, six shoulders, four chickens and a rabbit. Thus ended the fake of the hind leg mascot.

OLIVE HILL SOCIETY.

John Ratcliff has returned to Portsmouth where he was married to Beatha Justice of that place. Poor little maid, cheer up. The loss of one is the gain of two.

One of our friends has a white Wyandotte hen sitting on a porcelain knob. He says if she hatches out a front door for the barn she is not for sale.

Ever notice the way the girl sits on the horse in the *Enquirer's* weather notes?

A Chicago Judge declares the most effective weapons of woman are "a sharp tongue, a wicked eye, sarcasm and natural dignity." And her hatpin is no slouch of a weapon.

Many years ago a book was kept at Mammoth Cave in which distinguished visitors were expected to write their names and also to record, briefly, their impressions of the big hole in the ground. On the occasion of Thackeray's visit he penned a glowing apostrophe to the cave. It so happened that a certain Tennesseean saw the book, and wrote below these as follows:

Mammoth Cave, O what a spot!
In summer cold, in winter hot.
Mammoth Cave, O what a wonder!
General Jackson, hell and thunder.

Will Drill For Oil.

The Standard Oil Company, under the name of the New Oil and Gas Company, will start operations in the vicinity of the town of Blaine, this county, at once. The contract for hauling the machinery and supplies to that place has already been made.

The Standard has before drilled some test wells in that section, but is evidently not satisfied with the former investigation.